



## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Gary T. Dane et al. ) Group: 3727  
Serial No.: 10/685,247 )  
Filed: October 14, 2003 )  
Title: ORTHOPAEDIC INSTRUMENT ) Examiner: S. Castellano  
STERILIZATION CASE )  
)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following response to restriction requirement.

Applicants hereby elects the invention recited in Group I, claims 1-9, 18 and 19, drawn to a sterilization case assembly and a method of assembling a sterilization case assembly, classified in class 206, subclass 503, in the above-identified application.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.



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Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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